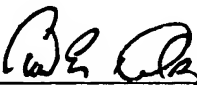


REMARKS

The specification is amended to add a cross-reference to related applications. An abstract on a separate page is included at the end of this Preliminary Amendment.

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ABSTRACT

Embodiments of medical devices are described, such as stents, for dilating passageways. A medical device can include a flexible body, having a proximal end, a distal end, and a longitudinal axis. The flexible body can further include a flexible elongate member that is defined by a longitudinally extending aperture in the body. The member can be radially expandable with respect to the longitudinal axis. The device can also define an eccentric lumen, at least a portion of the eccentric lumen being offset from the longitudinal axis.